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## 'Hip, Hip, Beret'

Airmen First Class Catherine Taylor and Jonathan Holick, 324th Intelligence Squadron stand at attention with security forces members after receiving their berets for successfully completing reserve augmentation duty requirements Feb. 2. For more information on the READY beret ceremony, turn to Page 3.

Photo by Angela Elbern



# Hickam 'force shaping' eligible identified

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Editor

**Editors note:** Last week's issue of the *Kukini* contained the force shaping article from the Air Force Personnel Center. For more information on the program, refer to that issue or visit the AFPC Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/forceshapefaq.doc](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/forceshapefaq.doc).

Air Force personnel officials have enacted 'force shaping,' a program designed to open the exit doors early for officers and enlisted in certain career fields based on their date eligible to return from overseas and total active federal military service date.

Now that the smoke has cleared and base personnel officials have had a chance to compile the data, they say a clearer picture of potentially-affected Team Hickam members has emerged.

And the number is substantial, according to Tech. Sgt. William Robinson, 15th Military Personnel Flight retirements and separations office.

"There are just under 1,500 officer and enlisted personnel potentially eligible to participate in the force shaping program," Sergeant Robinson said. "The numbers were derived based on members DEROS and TAFMS."

Of the 1,497 Team Hickam members identified, the numbers are split pretty evenly between those eligible to apply for separation and those eligible for retirement, he said.

"There are 771 members, 517 enlisted and 254 officers, potentially eligible to apply for separation because their DEROS falls before Feb. 26, 2006," Sergeant Robinson said. "For those eligible to apply, they would have to separate between May 15 and Sept. 15 of this year."

Members potentially eligible for retirement are

almost as numerous, Sergeant Robinson said.

"Hickam has 521 enlisted and 205 officers who will have 20 years TAFMS by the eligibility cut-off date of Aug. 30," he said. "Those eligible who wish to apply for retirement will be required to establish an effective date between June 1 and September 1 of

with manning needs," said Maj. Dawn Keasley, chief of retirement and separation policy at the Air Staff.

Force shaping includes opportunities to transition to the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard, and can relieve some people of their active-duty service commitments, according to Air force personnel officials.

Rules for leaving active duty early will be the least restrictive for anyone wanting to transfer to the Guard or Reserve through the Palace Chase program, and active-duty airmen wanting to transfer to the Reserve or Guard will be able to apply for a waiver of an active-duty service commitment regardless of their career field, they said.

Those wishing to pursue Palace Chase opportunities should contact Master Sgt. Glen Barnes, Hickam Reserve In-service recruiter.

"The Air Force Reserve has numerous opportunities available worldwide," Sergeant Barnes said. "It's a great way to maintain your benefits while serving part time."

"Entering the Palace Chase program greatly increases a member's chances of having their force shaping application approved," he said. "I am ready to process their application and help place them in any location they desire."

After the force shaping mass briefings, scheduled for Wednesday at the Memorial Theater, any Team Hickam member who wishes to apply for the force shaping program will meet with a capable personnel team, according to 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Baumgart, 15th MPF section chief.

"The members of the 15th Military Personnel Flight retirements and separations section stand ready to assist any member of Team Hickam who wishes to apply for the force shaping program," Lieutenant Baumgart said.

### FY04 FORCE SHAPING BRIEFING AGENDA Wednesday at Memorial Theater

#### Enlisted:

7:30 a.m. – Tech. Sgt. Robinson, Introduction

7:35 a.m. – Master Sgt. Barnes, Air Force Reserve

7:45 a.m. – Master Sgt. Tucay (or Rep), Air National Guard

7:55 a.m. – Base Reenlistments

8:00 a.m. – Tech. Sgt. Robinson, NCOIC Sep/Ret (FY04 Slides)

8:15 a.m. – Q & A Session (includes hand out of required forms)

#### Officer:

9:30 a.m. – Tech. Sgt. Robinson, Introduction

9:35 a.m. – Master Sgt. Barnes, Air Force Reserve

9:45 a.m. – Master Sgt. Tucay (or Rep), Air National Guard

9:55 a.m. – Tech. Sgt. Robinson, NCOIC Sep/Ret (FY04 Slides)

10:30 a.m. – Q & A Session (includes hand out of required forms)

this year."

Even though a member meets basic eligibility, applying for separation under the force shaping program does not guarantee approval.

"Approval authority for miscellaneous enlisted separations will rest at the personnel center, to centrally review applications and ensure compliance





# Ohana means family

1st Lt. David L. Webb  
15th Communications Squadron

**Editor's Note:** Kara Webb, wife of 1st Lt. David Webb, 15th Communications Squadron, was critically injured in a trampoline accident Dec. 26. Following is the letter her husband wrote to the Hickam community.

I'd like to express my family's sincerest appreciation to everyone involved after my wife, Kara's, accident Dec. 26. It's hard to imagine your life changing so dramatically in an instant, but our lives have changed, and with your help, the transition has been easier.

From the moment our daughter, Emily, called 9-11, the support my family has received has been tremendous...unbelievably remarkable. Our neighbors have been the greatest support structure I could

have ever imagined. From setting up a rotating dinner schedule from families throughout the community to having other families volunteer to take Emily and Lucas to and from practices and school events and even transportation to and from the airport for our family members. The level of selflessness has truly taken me by surprise.

The Tripler Army Medical Center Emergency Room, Intensive Care Unit, and Neurosurgery staffs have all been phenomenal. The care Kara received there was, unlike some tend to believe, great. We were educated through every process and procedure and had numerous questions answered before they were asked. We are fortunate to have a great neurosurgery staff at Tripler.

We are grateful to have Kara at Craig Hospital in Englewood,

Colo. Craig is world-renowned for its work in spinal cord injuries and major brain trauma rehabilitation and research. She's surrounded by an extremely competent staff of doctors and team of therapists who will work to bring Kara as much independence as possible. We're hoping and praying Kara will be back in Hawaii by the end of April to see the kids finish school and help prepare for our upcoming move to Omaha, Neb.

Our families and friends have been astonishing. They've blanketed us with thoughts and prayers throughout the world--yes, throughout the world. From locally, through California and Utah, to the entire east coast, Kuwait, Iraq, the Korean peninsula and places in-between, Kara and our family have been prayed for and have received cards and gifts from people we don't even know. Our prayers have been

answered in the form of a house and a car for my mother-in-law to stay at and use, free of charge, while staying with Kara at Craig. I believe prayer avails much and would ask, if you pray, please do so for Kara's continued recovery.

I'd like to close by specifically thanking Col. David Schall, Lt. Col. Von Gardiner and his family, Lt. Col. Anne Sholes, Maj. Kelvin O'Dell and his family, Maj. Fred Grantham and his wife Donna; Maj. Eric Gartner and his wife Diane; Capt. Steve Meyer, and Marley Spenst. I know I've left some people off this list, but rest assured, your role in Kara's recovery will not go unnoticed.

I truly believe ohana means family...nobody gets forgotten and nobody gets left behind. It may sound cliché, but I have experienced our military ohana and it's truly lived up to this movie-line definition.

## Make change a great opportunity

By Maj. Shirlene Ostrov  
15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander

If there is one thing I've learned in the Air Force, it's how to deal with change. I've had to—it's simply a matter of survival.

I'm one of those post-Desert Storm airmen, which by definition means my professional career has been developed entirely during a continual state of flux in the Air Force.

It's been one reorganization after another. Tactical, Strategic, and Military Airlift commands became Airlift Combat and Air Mobility Commands during my first two months in service. major commands reorganized internally. Combat wings were reorganized. Uniforms were changed several times. Career fields were abolished and restructured. Weapons systems were retired and new weapons systems replaced them.

The Air Force became expeditionary. Five out of eight units I had been assigned to were "redesignated" during my assignment with them!

We are constantly inundated with new policies, emerging technologies, and an ever-changing culture. We can use several terms to describe the phenomena: transformation, re-engineering or rightsizing, but it all boils down to one thing, CHANGE.

I've read some academic literature that deemed this time in our history as "whitewater change." For those of you who have ever been whitewater rafting, you can see how perfect this term is.

In whitewater rafting, you never know where the current is going to take you nor can you ever anticipate how the raft will bounce or react to the forces. In order to properly navigate through the whitewater, you have to remain flexible and evolve your strategy with every twist and turn.

The worst thing you can do in whitewater is be resistant ... any inflexibility will surely throw you out of the raft at one point or another. By embracing the changes, you will be well prepared for the adventure of your life.

That's exactly what being in the Air Force is about.

Most people know folks from their hometown, who never left and are content to maintain the status quo. Why wouldn't they be happy? It's comfortable to know what will happen tomorrow, next week, next year. But to me it's like knowing the ending of a movie before it's even halfway done. Personally, I love the suspense of a frustrating, unsolved mystery.

Don't get me wrong, I know that change isn't always fun. Sometimes it seems you can never get your footing before something else is thrown your way. And with the level of change going on in our Air Force today, the result can be dizzying!

This constant changing could easily conjure up stress and insecurity. Therefore, simply managing change is insufficient. Successful change requires leadership from all levels. Airmen, NCOs, civilians, officers, and commanders – we all have our role to taking change and making it a great opportunity.

We must rely on empowerment and teamwork

to navigate the whitewater together. We are lucky to be able to hang onto the security and steadfastness of our Air Force core values during turbulent times. We must all have the same vision to give us clear direction to a better future.

We've got to look after each other and make sure to jolt our team members out of resistance or complacency. If we don't do this, someone is bound to end up all wet.

As a squadron commander, it's my job to communicate the vision of the leaders appointed over me. It's also my job to establish a sense of urgency to accomplish the change and motivate the unit to espouse and live the new approaches. But work should also be fun. As I told my unit in my first commander's call, "the job of the leader is to make the workplace where it's safe to be human again."

Change involves people, and can therefore call up emotions and uncertainties. But by working together, we can develop new ideas and approaches without being stymied by the old ways.

In 513 B.C., Heraclitus of Greece observed "There is nothing permanent except change." How true that has become for those of us in today's U.S. Air Force! As long as we embrace the turbulence together, we are certain to embark on an expedition we can all be proud of. But this best part is that during our journey, we will successfully transform our organizations and help us meet the significant challenges facing us in the 21st century.

Enjoy the adventure!

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## Tax Time

Senior Airman Amanda Williams, Pacific Air Forces Regional Supply Squadron, assists Senior Airman Nolan Endres, 15th Security Forces Squadron at the Tax Center recently. To schedule an appointment for tax assistance, contact the center at 448-0712

photo by Mysti Cabasug

# AFAF campaign set to begin

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** – The Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign, asking airmen to contribute to any of four Air Force-related charities, has been announced.

The Hickam 2004 AFAF campaign will run from March 15 to April 25.

Here on Hickam, the goal is to better last year's tally, according to 1st Lt. Kim Drews, base project officer.

"Last year \$99,537.33 was collected to exceed the base goal by 46 percent," Lieutenant Drews said. "This year, we're hoping to do even better than that."

The charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force members, surviving spouses and families. This is the 31st year of the fund drive. Charities receive 100

percent of designated contributions.

"Requests for assistance have continued at record levels since Sept. 11, 2001," said retired Lt. Gen. Mike McGinty, Air Force Aid Society chief executive officer. "Last year the Air Force Aid Society helped 30,000 airmen with (more than) \$22.6 million in assistance. That's a lot of help. Contributions are vital for the society to sustain this kind of help. It is truly an airman-helping-airmen program."

The secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force recently announced a \$5.2 million goal. In 2003, Air Force people gave \$5.9 million to the fund.

People can contribute through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction to:

•The Air Force Aid Society, the official charitable organization of

the Air Force which provides airmen and their families with worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base level community-enhancement programs. Base family support centers have full details on programs and eligibility requirements. Information is also available online at [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org).

•The Air Force Enlisted Villages in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., near Eglin Air Force Base, which provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. More information is available at [www.afenlistedwidows.org](http://www.afenlistedwidows.org).

•The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund, a life-care community in San Antonio for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village Web site is [www.airforcecivil](http://www.airforcecivil)

[lages.com](http://lages.com).

•The Gen. and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, which provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted people in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is [www.lemayfoundation.org](http://www.lemayfoundation.org).

Contributions to the AFAF are tax deductible. For more information, visit <http://afassistancefund.org> or the Air Force Personnel Center's voting and fund-raising Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund).

Look for more information in future editions of the *Kukini* and the commander's access channel.

For more information about the program, contact Lieutenant Drews at 449-0011 or Master Sgt. Gerald Schenck at 449-1328. (Information courtesy of AFPC News Service)

## Members of 324th IS prove they're READY

By 1Lt Robert Koenigsmann  
15th Security Forces Squadron

Force protection on Hickam was strengthened Feb. 2 when Reserve Augmentee Duty members completed all facets of training for a very special uniform upgrade.

Seven members of the 324th Intelligence Squadron were awarded the Security Forces beret by Lt. Col. Donald Derry, 15th Security Forces Squadron commander, and Capt. David Bonifant, 15th SFS operations officer.

"The saying 'Force Protection is everyone's business' takes on a new meaning with these troops," said Captain Bonifant. "They will learn outstanding security and vigilance techniques they can take with them into their career fields."

Airmen 1st Class Joshua Blair, Chris Metcalf, Nathan Wilson and Jake Kearney assigned to Delta Flight, and Airmen 1st Class John Nevins, Catherine Taylor and Jonathan Holick assigned to Bravo Flight have all earned the distinct privilege of wearing the SF beret based on exemplary performance.

The individuals were required to meet a stringent 30-day training period to complete specific SF duty tasks. They were also required to receive a letter of recommendation from SF flight leadership.

Having members of this squadron be on the READY rolls is a winning situation for everyone, said Lt. Col. Eric Holdaway, 324th IS commander.

"The reason we have so many READY troops is

that many of our new airmen complete technical school before their background investigation is complete, so they have only interim SCI clearances," Colonel Holdaway said. "Once they get here it may take weeks or even months before they can be cleared to work in (their career field), so it's important they be given meaningful duties in the meantime."

"Our participation in the READY program helps an undermanned SF roster get a little stronger," he added. "It also helps demonstrate the commitment Hickam's tenant units have to the 15th Airlift Wing and its mission."

The members of the 324th IS join members from the Hawaii Air National Guard to become the only READY personnel fully qualified to wear the SF beret.



# Keiki dental facts:

## *what every new parent needs to know*

By Airman First Class April Davis  
15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

**Editor's note:** February is National Children's Dental Health Month. This is the second in a four-part series about children's dental health.

As every parent knows, having a first-born brings with it a world of new concerns, including when to begin the child's dental care.

The key to establishing a proper dental care program for your child is first understanding the developmental process of your child's teeth and then applying preventative techniques even before the first tooth appears.

Your child's baby (primary) teeth, totaling 20, erupt between six and 24 months of age on average, according to base dental officials.

"These primary teeth are vital for chewing, speaking, and maintaining the space required for future permanent adult teeth," said Maj. Justyn MacFarland, 15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron.

Permanent teeth first begin to appear around age six and are usually all present by age 21. It is important to note that home care for the primary and permanent teeth is equally important.

Begin cleaning children's gums soon after birth, base dental offi-

cials advise. After each feeding, clean the gums with a soft, wet cloth. Doing this daily will help the child become accustomed to the cleaning routine.

Once the first tooth is present, begin using a soft infant toothbrush, they said. Introduce fluoridated toothpaste only when your child is capable of spitting.

Swallowing large amounts of fluoridated toothpaste can lead to white or brown stains on developing teeth known as fluorosis.

After age two, fluoridated toothpaste can be introduced in very small amounts, gradually increasing to a pea-size portion by age five. As with brushing, assist children with flossing until they develop hand coordination to accomplish the task alone.

Teach good homecare by demonstrating proper toothbrushing and flossing techniques, supervising in order to establish a consistent, yet safe daily oral care routine.

The first visit to the dentist is when teeth begin to appear, usually around six to 10 months of age, dental officials advised. This allows the dentist an opportunity to establish a good rapport, a simple step that can alleviate many of the parental fears and concerns associated with infant dental needs.

Following this orientation, biannual dental visits usually begin at age 3.

"Knowing when and how to take care of your child's teeth is vital to their future oral health; dental education and care begins at birth," Major MacFarland said. "Start a dental prevention program today and give your child a beautiful smile for life."



Amy Jo Williams and Dr. (Lt. Col.) Mark Uyehara, 15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, provide dental hygiene education at Hickam Elementary School Feb. 2. This event marks the kick off of National Children's Dental Health Month with 15th AMDS visits to Team Hickam schools scheduled throughout February.

## Kukini contributors garner PACAF awards

Contributors to the Hickam Kukini placed in three categories of the 2003 Pacific Air Forces Media Contest.

Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey, Kukini editor, placed third in the sports article category and took second place in the Outstanding New Writer category.

Jerry Banks, a photographer with the 15th Communications Squadron, placed third in the Contribution by Contractor/Stringer Photographer category.

"I congratulate Mark, Jerry, and the entire PA and Comm team, for their accomplishments," said

Col. Bill Kunzweiler, 15th Airlift Wing vice commander. "They do a great job of highlighting Team Hickam units and members. The Kukini is an invaluable tool for keeping the base populace informed." (Information courtesy of 15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office).



# ALS graduates class 04-B

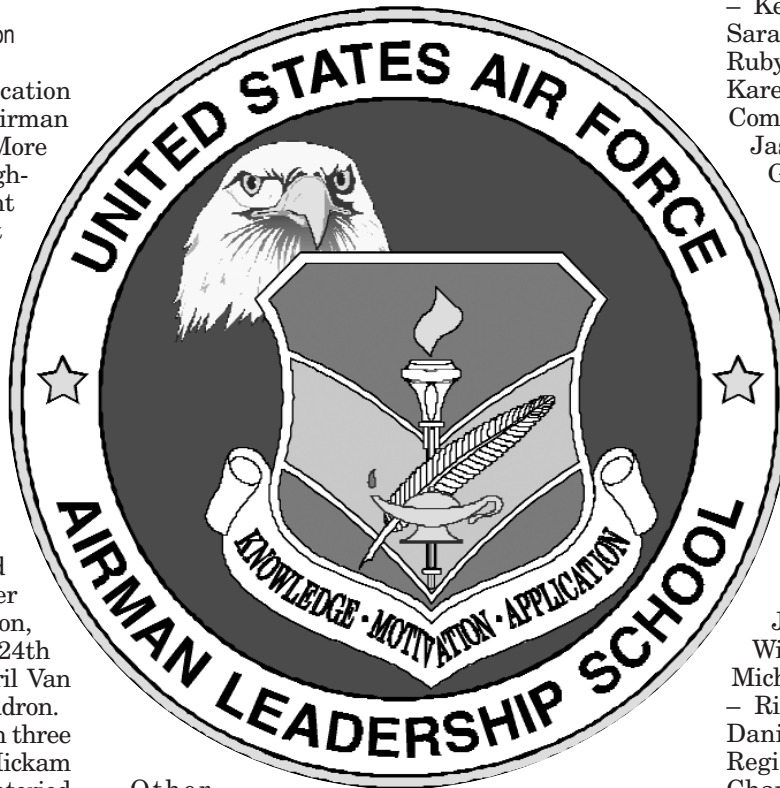
**By Master Sgt. Tammy Whitney-Rush**

Professional Military Education Center Director of Education

The Hickam Professional Military Education Center hosted the graduation banquet for Airman Leadership School Class 04-B Wednesday. More than 360 guests attended the ceremony highlighted by guest speaker Chief Master Sergeant Michael Warner, Pacific Air Forces first sergeant.

Senior Airman Scott V. Tamayo from the 15th Contracting Squadron garnered top honors as the John L. Levitow Award recipient. Senior Airman Thomas Scott Drake from the 352nd Information Operations Squadron earned the Leadership Award and the Distinguished Graduate Award. Senior Airman Darlene R. Clement from the 735th Air Mobility Squadron earned the Academic Achievement Award and the Distinguished Graduate Award. Other Distinguished Graduates included Senior Airman Jennifer Eberth from PACAF Air Intelligence Squadron, Senior Airman Aaron Minks from the 324th Intelligence Squadron and Senior Airman April Van Loan from the 17th Operational Weather Squadron.

During the class, the students participated in three different community projects to assist the Hickam Community Center. They organized and inventoried little league equipment, removed graffiti and touched up walls at the teen center and repainted the historical World War II anchors on display at Hickam Harbor. Additionally, the class spent last Saturday helping the PME Center staff pick up litter outside the front gate for the Adopt-a-Highway program.



Other graduates of ALS Class 04-B are:

15th Civil Engineer Squadron – Justin Barrowcliff, Michael Crump, Carl Cruz, Nicholas Karim, Lance Lewis, Shaun Lyle, Bart Matthews and Justin Watson; 15th Communications Squadron

– Kelly Anderson; 15th Contracting Squadron – SarahJane Allen; 15th Mission Support Squadron – Ruby Tilley; 15th Operations Support Squadron – Karen Allen; 15th Security Forces Squadron – Jamie Combs, Andrew Crosby, James Curran, Amy Friend, Jason Hawkins, Joseph Knowles, Patrick Larson, George Robles and Avita Weeks; 15th Services Squadron – Cleofe Ugalde; 17th OWS – Jameel Beasley, William Garrison and Lucas Menebroker; 25th Air Support Operations Squadron – Rachel Eichelberger; 65th Airlift Squadron – Timothy Martin; 324th IS – Rhonda Cuyuch, Ronald Desears, Fannie Dickson, Glenn Esoy, Santa Omar Fonseca, Nathaniel Gollehon, Mindy Handley, Robert Ingram, Trisha Ivy, John Maciejewski, Johnathan Sergi and Shannon Stalter; 352nd IOS – Ryan Madison; 502nd Air Operations Group – Joseph Jeffers; 735th AMS – Brian Freeman and Jaime Lewis; Air Force Office of Special Investigations – Jeffrey Smith; Joint Intelligence Center Pacific – Jason Dunham, Linda Sbrizza and Travis Williams; PACAF Air Postal Squadron, Det 4 – Michael Vazquez; PAIS – Bruce Pak; PACAF CEX – Rita Kona; PACAF Command Support Staff – Daniel Cervera and Jason Sheppard; PACAF Regional Supply Squadron – Jeremy Dexter, Charmaine Frank-Landers, Joseph Koch and Michael Lingelbach.

Upon graduation from ALS, each student receives nine semester hours of college credit from the Community College of the Air Force. Graduation from ALS completes the first of three levels of Air Force professional military education.



# Re-enlistment window now three-months long

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter

Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** - Air Force personnel officials are changing the re-enlistment eligibility window beginning March 5.

The new policy requires active-duty airmen to re-enlist within three months of their term of service expiring, a change from the 12-month window currently in effect.

“In our effort to shape the force, we continue to seek areas that will give us greater management oversight,” said Master Sgt. Maria Cornelia, the Air Force’s chief of retention and

bonus programs at the Pentagon.

“We want our airmen to understand that we’re not discouraging re-enlistments,” Sergeant Cornelia said. “By reducing the eligibility window, Air Force officials will have a better picture of how many re-enlistments we can expect within a given period.”

Narrowing the window will also will assist officials with forecasting requirements for personnel programs such as selective re-enlistment bonuses, career job reservations and retraining, Sergeant Cornelia said.

This policy shift is not something new, but a return to the policy in place before 2001. The

eligibility window was expanded from three to 12 months during a low-retention period.

“Getting a better picture of retention indicators will greatly enhance our ability to optimize personnel programs,” Sergeant Cornelia said.

Airmen will still be authorized to re-enlist earlier than three months from their term of service expiring because of service-related requirements, such as a reassignment and promotion.

For more information, contact the 15th Mission Support Squadron retention office at 449-0686 or 449-0683. *(Information courtesy of Air Force News Service)*



# News Notes

## Microterm Registration

Microterm registration begins Feb. 19 for March 20 term. To register for Microterm visit Hanger 2 or call 422-6777 for more information.

## Hickam Thrift Shop

The Hickam Thrift Shop is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the second Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for sales. The Thrift Shop is open Monday and Friday and the second Saturday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m. for consignments. To be informed of the weekly limits and to be placed on the large item waiting list call 449-6603. The thrift shop is located in the back of the Tickets and Tours building. The thrift shop is open for business Saturday but will be closed Monday for President's Day.

## MiniCom Closure

The MiniCom will be closed for President's Day. The Hickam Commissary will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## HOSC Blood Drive

The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club is sponsoring a blood drive for the Tripler Blood Donor Center Tuesday. The drive will be held from 9 a.m. until noon at the Hickam Community Center. The need for blood at Tripler has

reached a critical level. Fifty percent of Tripler's blood donor pool is deployed and returning members will not be able to donate blood for up to three years after they return. Donor eligibility requirements can be found at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/asbpo>. Click on the donor information pull down menu and select "deferral info." For more information on this blood drive, please contact Nicole Ingegneri at 422-7017. Units or activities wishing to sponsor a blood drive can call the Tripler Blood Donor Center at 433-6193 for more information.

## 15th MSS Hours

The 15th Mission Support Squadron will not open until 10 a.m. Feb. 20 so they can recognize their annual award winners. This includes the MPF, Family Support Center, Civilian Personnel, the Education Office, First Term Airman's Center and the Professional Military Education and Military Equal Opportunity offices. Contact numbers will be posted for emergencies.

## Propane Tank Disposal Hazard

Propane tanks can be properly disposed of at the Hickam Car Care Center. The disposal fee is \$5 per tank. The tanks are transferred to Oahu Gas for proper dismantling and are recycled as scrap metal. Regular propane tank servicing is also available at the car care center. Call the Wing Safety Office at 449-0749 for abandoned

tanks found on sidewalks, behind buildings, or inside dumpsters. Additional information about solid waste and recycling can be found at the [www.opala.org](http://www.opala.org)

## Dorm Manager needed

To apply for dorm manager positions applicants must submit a resume, five years of EPR's and three letters of recommendation to Liz Perry, Unaccompanied Housing Manager, at Bldg. 1805 room 151. Applicants must be a staff sergeant or above. For more info. contact Ms. Perry at 448-5267 or cell 306-0762.

## Team Hickam Annual Awards

The Team Hickam Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for Feb. 27 at the Officers' Club Lanai. Social hour is 6 p.m., dinner is served at 7 p.m. Tickets are available through unit first sergeants.

## 15th CES test drains

Civil Engineering will be conducting a base-wide dye test of the storm drains this month. Don't be alarmed if the waters in the drainage canals are fluorescent yellow and green. All dyes used are non-toxic to aquatic life, animals and humans and are biodegradable. For more information contact Dennis Yee at 448-4440 or

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Delwyn Ching at 449-3124.

## Asian Pacific American Heritage Committee

The APAH committee is soliciting volunteers from the Hickam community to participate, or teach others to participate, in APAH events. Searching for talents in a wide range of areas such as music, dancing, martial arts, story telling, etc. as well as those willing to display personal items that reflect their Asian Pacific American heritage at various venues across the base. For more information, contact the APAH committee chairperson, Capt. Joyce Johns by

phone 449-6860 ext. 417 or by e-mail at joyce.johns@hickam.af.mil. The next APAH meeting is scheduled for Mar. 2, 10 a.m. in the Ali'i conference room of bldg. 1201 (15th Contracting Squadron).

## Great Aloha Run

There will be a free first come first serve base bus service to the Great Aloha Run Monday. Four buses will periodically depart between 5:30 and 6 a.m. from the north side parking lot of the Pacific Air Forces building. After the run, the shuttle will return to base, from the Kam lot, across the street from Aloha Stadium, starting at 11 a.m. For more information, contact 1st

Lt. Tess Marcial at 448-6358.

## DeCA scholarships

DeCA is sponsoring the Scholarships for Military Children Program. \$1,500 scholarships are available by applying online at: [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org) or by visiting the base commissary. Application deadline is Wednesday.

## Varsity coaches needed

The base fitness center has immediate openings for women's varsity softball coach. For more information, contact Stacy Barkdull at 448-4640.





Photo by Ed Foster

From left Tech. Sgt. Dawn Tafaoa and Senior Airmen Christy Avilla and Jacob Delaura, all members of 154th Air National Guard Wing, keep a watchful eye over the perimeter during the Hawaii Air National Guard Operational Readiness Exercise Feb. 6.

# 15th AW helps HIANG 154th Wing get on the



Photo by Staff Sgt. Kristen Higglins

Top: Tech. Sgt. John Lakatos, 154th Communications Flight, lowers a tool kit from Hangar 13.  
Bottom: Senior Airman Ben Case, 154th Maintenance Squadron, hydrates while in mission-oriented protective posture level 4.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Mysti Cabasug

**By 2nd Lt. Regina Berry**  
154th Wing Public Affairs

More than 40 personnel from the 15th Airlift Wing supported the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing during their Operational Readiness Exercise here Feb. 2 through 8.

Member's from both wings worked side by side to set up and man the mobility deployment center at building 2115, where more than 500 guard members and 150 tons of cargo were successfully processed during the first three days of the exercise.

"This was the second time the 154th Wing has augmented the deployment center," said Maj. Duke Ota, 154th Wing deployment officer. "It is

less than a year in the making; however, great strides are being made to improve the 154th Wing's readiness."

With the C-17s coming to Hickam in 2005, collaboration exhibited during this exercise highlights the beginning of a closer relationship between the 15th AW and the HIANG, he said. The 15th AW and the 154th Wing will each have their own C-17 squadrons. The planes will belong to the 15th AW and they will be maintained and flown by both active duty and Guard members.

"There is no doubt with the C-17s on the horizon this partnership with the 15th AW will only continue to prosper, ensuring both the 15th AW and the 154th Wing will be the winners in this partnership," Major Ota said.



Photo by Ed Foster

Master Sgt. Glenda Buis, HIANG, and Senior Airman Robin Robinson, 15th Mission Support Group, work together at the mobility processing deployment center. Guard and active duty personnel functioned in concert to ensure HIANG members were smoothly and successfully processed.



# Military Challenge: Team Hickam excels at NFL challenge

By Airman Ryan Simpson  
Staff Writer

As the National Football League celebrated the Pro-Bowl on island, pitting the AFC against the NFC, the military had their own gridiron competition Feb. 6.

The NFL Military Challenge, held at Kapioloni park, placed all five island-wide military branches in head-to-head competition.

The Air Force team, comprised of six members of the 352nd Information Operations Squadron, came in second for the this time falling short to the Marine's team.

Drew Zeiber placed second in the day's first event, the place kick. The next event, team obstacle course, ended with the Air Force team, comprised of Zeiber, Bill Farrell, Bill Nystrom and Mike Rogers, taking third place.

After coming in last in the 40-yard dash, the Air Force team, led by James Margerum, bounced back with a second place finish in the long snap event.

Rogers boomed his way to a second-place finish in the punt competition, and Nystrom threw his way to a third-place finish in the quarter-back competition to round out the day.



Bill Farrell, 352nd IOS, starts the obstacle course by weaving through the tackling dummies at the NFL Military Challenge Feb. 6. Farrell was one of four Team Hickam members to compete in the obstacle course, helping lead the team to a third-place finish in the event.



Bill Nystrom, 352nd IOS, completes the team obstacle course by powering his way through the blocking dummies. Team Hickam's third-place finish in the event helped lead the way to a second-place finish overall.



Mike Rogers, 352nd IOS, launches one of three punts at the NFL Military Challenge. Rogers' combined yardage was more than 100 yards, elevating him to second place in the punt category.

Photos by Mike Dey



# Get 'em out alive

## 25th ASOS trains at Bellows Air Station



Senior Airman Chris Frobuccino, 25th Air Support Operations Squadron, readies his firearm while establishing communications with higher headquarters Feb. 4. Airman Frobuccino provided coordinates for a Med-Evac helicopter so the wounded can be taken out of the area.



### Photos by Jerry Banks

Airmen from the 25th ASOS are Air Assaulted into Bellows AS by a UH-60 Blackhawk piloted by Bravo Company 2-25 Aviation Battalion who are stationed at Wheeler Army Airfield. After landing, the airmen secure the landing zone before moving on to their next objective.



After moving to a secure location in the tree line, Airman First Class Jesse Wagnon, left, and Senior Airman Scott Snyder do an equipment check before they navigate to an observation point and control close air support onto enemy targets in the area.



Senior Airman Jeff Kennedy (left) assists Airman Derek Buonano as they run through the landing zone to a secure location and calls for an immediate Med-Evac extraction.



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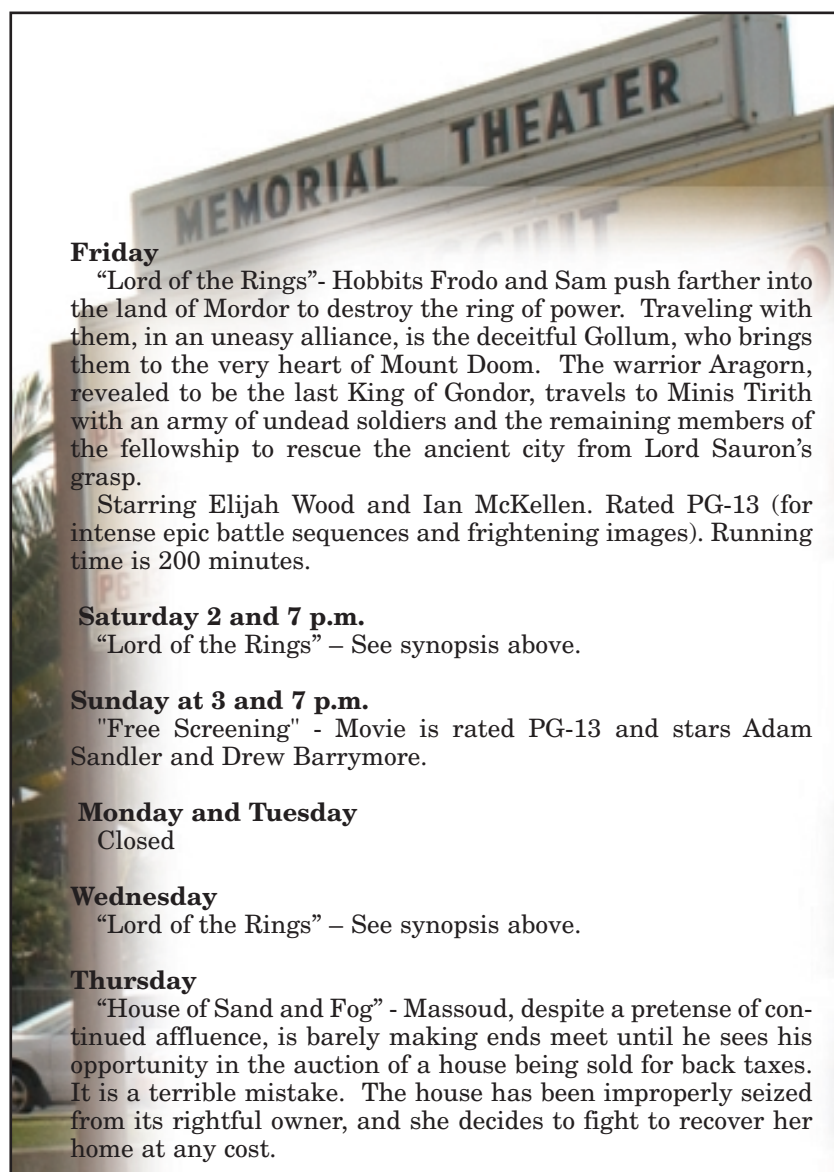
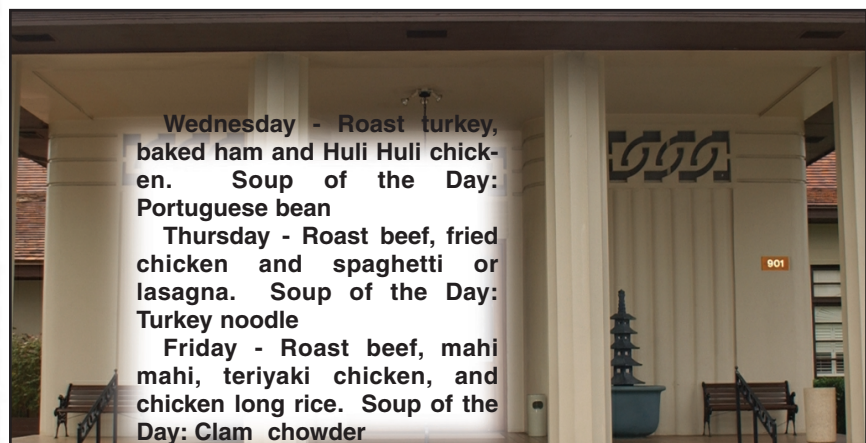
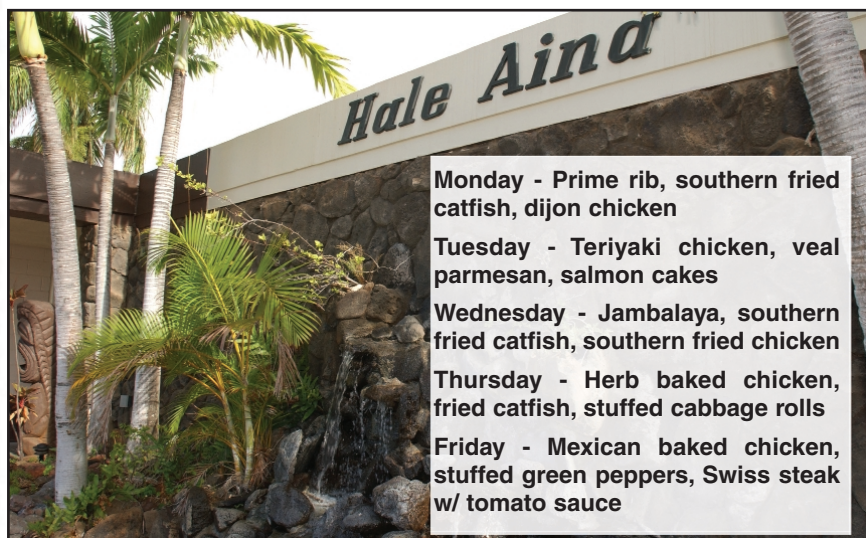
# HICKAM Kukini

**Refrigerator-worthy  
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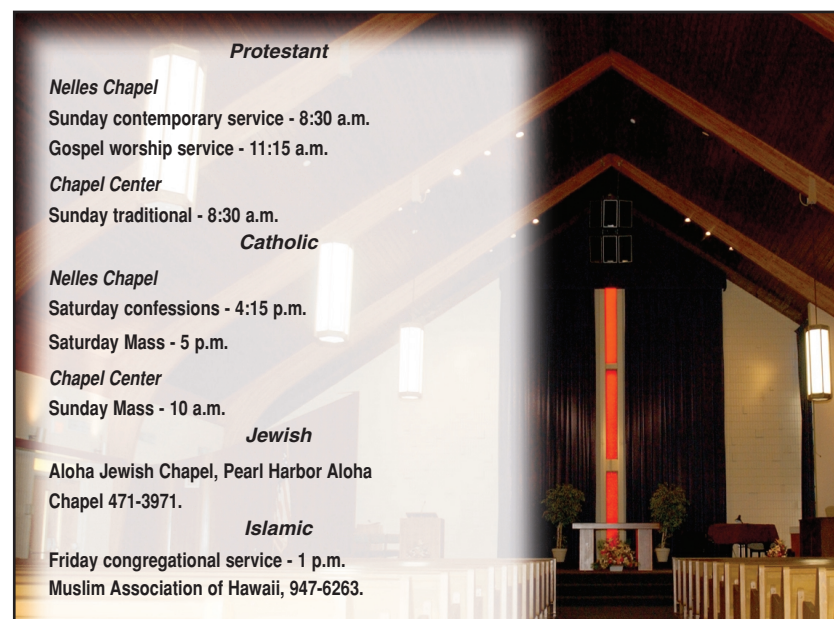
## Movies

## Hickam Grind Time

- Weekly lunch menus at the Hale Aina dining facility, enlisted and officer clubs.



## Chapel





# COMING TO HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE

## NFL's Tennessee Titan Cheerleaders!

**Friday • February 13, 2004**

- *Autograph Session at the Dining Facility - 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*
- *Performance & Autograph Session at the Youth Center  
3 - 3:30 p.m.*
- *Performance at the Sea Breeze Restaurant - 5:30 - 7:15 p.m.*
- *Play "The Dating Game" with the Titan Cheerleaders  
at the Sand Bar & Grill - 8 - 9 p.m.*



For more information,  
call the Community Center  
at 449-3354.





# Basketball Standings

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Monday-Wednesday League

Rank	Team	GP	Wins	Losses	Win %
1	15 CES	7	6	1	.857
2	PACAF CS	6	5	1	.833
3	15 SFS	8	6	2	.775
4	15 SVS	7	5	2	.714
5	HQ PACAF	6	3	3	.500
6	324 IS-A	8	2	6	.250
7	15 MSS	12	0	12	.000

Tuesday-Thursday League

Rank	Team	GP	Wins	Losses	Win %
1	352 IOS	6	5	1	.833
2	502 AG	6	5	1	.833
3	735 AMS	6	5	1	.833
4	15 MDG	4	2	2	.500
5	PACAF RSS	6	3	3	.500
6	HIANG	4	1	3	.250
7	15 CS	6	1	5	.167
8	324 IS-B	5	0	5	.000

# Men’s basketball schedule

Tuesday

5:30 p.m – 735th AMS vs. PACAF RSS  
6:30 p.m – 15th MDG vs. 324th IS-B  
7:30 p.m – 502nd AOG vs. 352nd IOS  
8:30 p.m – 15th CS vs. HIANG

Wednesday

6 p.m – 15th MSS vs. HQ PACAF  
7 p.m – 15th SVS vs. PACAF CSS  
8 p.m – 324th IS-A vs. 15th SFS

Thursday

5:30 p.m – 352nd IOS vs. HIANG  
6:30 p.m – PACAF RSS vs. 324nd IS-B  
7:30 p.m – 15th MDG vs. 15th CS  
8:30 p.m – 735th AMS vs. 502nd AOG

*Teams not on schedule have a bye that night. Season ends March 25 with any make-up games.*

Feb. 23

6 p.m – 324th IS-A vs. HQ PACAF  
7 p.m – 15th CES vs. 15th MSS  
8 p.m – 15th SFS vs. PACAF CSS

Feb. 24

5:30 p.m – 735th AMS vs. HIANG  
6:30 p.m – 15th CS vs. 352nd IOS  
7:30 p.m – 502nd AOG vs. 324th IS-B  
8:30 p.m – PACAF RSS vs. 15th MDG

Feb. 25

6 p.m – 324th IS-A vs. HQ PACAF  
7 p.m – 15th SFS vs. PACAF CSS

Feb. 26

5:30 p.m – 15th MDG vs. 502nd AOG  
6:30 p.m – PACAF RSS vs. 15th CS  
7:30 p.m – 735th AMS vs. 352nd IOS

Intramural Soccer Standings					
February 3 2004					
Rank	Team MP	Wins	Losses	Ties	
1	HQ PACAF	2	2	0	0
2	15 CS 2	2	0	0	2
3	15 CES	2	1	0	1
4	735 AMS	2	1	1	0
5	15 SFS	2	0	1	1
6	352 IOS	2	0	1	1
7	502 AOG	2	0	1	1
8	324 IS2	0	2	0	1

Soccer Schedule	
Thursday	Feb. 26
5 p.m – 352nd IOS vs. 15th CS	5 p.m – 735th AMS vs. HQ PACAF
6 p.m – 324th IS vs. 735th AMS	6 p.m – 15th CS vs. 15th CES
7 p.m – HQ PACAF vs. 15th CES	7 p.m – 352nd IOS vs. 502nd AOG
8 p.m – 502nd AOG vs. 15th SFS	8 p.m – 324th IS vs. 15th SFS
Feb. 23	March 1
5 p.m – 502nd AOG vs. HQ PACAF	5 p.m – 324th IS vs. 15th CES
6 p.m – 352nd IOS vs. 15th CES	6 p.m – 502nd AOG vs. 15th CS
7 p.m – 15th CS vs. 324th IS	7 p.m – 352nd IOS vs. 735th AMS
8 p.m – 735th AMS vs. 15th SFS	8 p.m – HQ PACAF vs. 15th SFS

Racquetball Standings			Rank	Team	Points	4	15th CONS	3
February 5 2004			<None>			5	HQ PACAF	2
1	735th AMS	4	6	324th IS-A	1	7	324th IS-B	0
2	PACAF RSS	4	8	HIANG-A	----			
3	15th CES	3						





Brady Bauer takes a jump shot from the corner baseline as opposing team members close in.



Above: Lake Reynolds quickly out maneuvers two defenders as he passes the ball for an assist.

Below: Xavier Gidney (center) takes a fast break down the court after a rebound.



Juwan Rorie is surrounded by a team of Dragons as he attempts to pass the ball to his teammates

## Schofield Dragons edges Hickam Raptors 22-20

By 1st Lt Paradon Silpasornprasit  
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

In a nail-biting, heart-pounding finish the Schofield Dragons defeated the Hickam Raptors 22-20 in Saturday's youth sports Termite League basketball game at Schofield Barracks.

Led by their top scorer, 10-year-old point guard Xavier Gidney, the Raptors ran up and down the court from start to finish and executed choreographed plays, a series of fast breaks, and flawless teamwork only to be edged by 2 points.

In one of this season's highest scoring games, it came down the last second when 10-year-old Raptors' forward Juwan Rorie sank a basket just a nanosecond after the final horn sounded. That basket would have tied the game.

For 40 minutes children from both teams played their hearts out in the spirited competition.

Unlike their last week's 30-2 victory over the Schofield 76ers, this week the Raptors came up just a little short. However, the sadness of their close defeat quickly faded as the children received their weekly after-game snacks.

Both teams are part of the military youth sports basketball league. The season began Jan. 10 and runs through Mar 27. There are four teams in this co-ed Termite League made up of 8-10 year olds. Other leagues include Mini-Mites, Pig-Tails, Juniors, Mitey-Mites, Peewees, and Midgets. Games are held every Saturday while locations rotate between Hickam, Pearl Harbor, Camp Smith and Schofield Barracks.

Each team is coached by volunteers from all Hawaii military bases.

"I really enjoy coaching the kids," said Raptors' coach Harrison Jenkins. "It is a great opportunity to mentor and instruct them in the fundamentals of basketball. I enjoy seeing them grasp, embrace and initiate those characteristics of team basketball."

Harris is aided by his wife, Tara. The husband-and-wife team motivates the children and instills in them the fundamentals of basketball. Both are active duty but Harris is Army assigned to Schofield Barracks while his wife Tara is Air Force assigned to Hickam's 15th Civil Engineer Squadron.

"I have to admit that I would not be a good coach if my wife had not assisted me. Without Tara, there would be no Coach J. or Raptors," Harris said.

